

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 158

By Wilburn

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jack Martin upon receiving the 2015 Governor's Arts Award for Folklife Heritage.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to commend those exemplary citizens who, through an abiding commitment to excellence, have made significant contributions to the arts and brought national acclaim to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Jack Martin, a renowned broom maker and owner of Hockaday Handmade Brooms in Selmer; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Arts Awards were established in 1971 by the Tennessee Arts Commission to recognize those individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the cultural life of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin is a fourth generation broom maker who creates every broom by hand, a skill he learned from his grandfather, using equipment that has been in his family for nearly one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin's brooms can be found in archival collections and museums, including the prestigious Smithsonian Institution; and

WHEREAS, Jack Martin has left an indelible impression on the artistic legacy of our great State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jack Martin upon receiving the 2015 Governor's Arts Award for Folklife Heritage, commend his extraordinary contributions to the arts, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.